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BATTLING NELSON TELLS HOW HE WON HIS FIRST FIGHT

Made His Debut in Hegewisch Circus Ring and Knocked Out the Great Unknown.

The story of the life of Battling Nelson, which begins to-day, is probably the first of its kind to be actually written by a pugilist. Nelson wrote every line of the manuscript without assistance, and it will be printed just as he penned it. In this story he has told in simple but graphic style the incidents in his fighting career. His effort as a writer is all the more remarkable when it is known that "The Battler" has not attended school regularly since he was thirteen years old.

During his twelve years of fighting Nelson has saved \$200,000, most of which he has invested in real estate. He owns nearly the entire town of Hegewisch, Ill., and of late he has been urged to accept the office of Mayor of that town. He is held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen, and he is looked upon as a business man of

The succeeding chapters will tell of his great fistic battles from the pugilistic point of view. They will contain facts about these affairs which have never been printed.

The book in its entirety will soon be published.

BY BATTLING NELSON.

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full name is Oscar Battling Mathew Nelson. I was born on June 5, 1882, in Copenhagen, Denmark, the day on which we Danes celebrate the winning of independence. Though born on foreign soil, I herewith proclaim myself an American in every sense

In 1883, when I was scarcely one year old, my parents and their small family emigrated to America. We went to Oshkosh, Wis., and settled down on a neat little truck farm. Later we moved to Dalton, Ill., and the following spring we came to our present home, Hege

At the time I was working as a meatcutter. On account of the warm weather we were working only three or four days

a week and, of course, being such a kid, I was anxious to see the circus when it arrived in town. I applied there and asked for the job of carrying a banner in the parade, or carrying water to the elephants.

The manager lined us up in the parade and after its conclusion we kids were put to work carrying water to the elephants, for which work we were handed passes for the show. I had gained quite a reputation about Hammond and Hegewisch as a shifty, hard-hitting sort of a kid and naturally my ability as a boxer was greatly admired by all the young-sters in our vicinity, most of whom worked in the factories thereabouts.

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Nack-yeard special relay for the Roberts medal.

ARVEY COHEN is the latest entry to the great ten-mile run for the Evening World's handsome prizes and ready to see me through, even if the Brooklyn Post-Office clerks' carbinal and games neat Saturday's Great 10
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the big show who was meeting all com-

rades, who possessed an unusual amount of nerve, boldly stepped into the manager's tent and said: "Say, boss, we've gotta feller here wid us named Bat Nelson wot's willin' to meet dat champ of yourn to-night. What would you give if our champ knocks de block off, your great slug-look off, Jack! Rush him through the ropes! Don't let that dub beat you!"

It sawding, with blood streaming from his nose and mouth. I had not been touched. I then jumped to the mark with Cohen, and the world in the number of the mark with Cohen, and the will toe the mark with Cohen,

wisch, Ill.

Hegewisch is located within a short distance of Wolfe Lake and Lake Michigan. The chief industries of the town in those days were truck gardening, ice cutting and meat packing. My first job, as a kid, was driving the horses used for hauling ice for John Daline, the lee man of Hegewisch. My first week's work netted me 90 cents, or 15 cents per day.

Made Debut at Circus.

I later went to work for G. H. Hammond Company, and I was in the employ of this company when I made my first public appearance as a boxer, or prizeighter, at Wallace's Circus, in Hammond, Ind., on Sept. 3, 1896. Hammond is only a few miles from Hegewisch.

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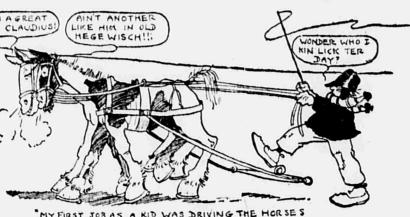
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Davy Johnson \$40,000 to the Bad, and Eddie McDonald

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TENT I MET FACE TO FACE

THE TERRIBLE

known to be losers, several others of the local horse playing talent are get- Eole Pearsall, One of the ting the money. Eole Pearsall, for instance, is a big winner and is travel-

IS Loser, Too.

Is along in great luck.

Thousands of dollars in big commissions from the coast tracks are handled in New York every day. Often a horse will run practically unbacked at the far away tracks, while his stable connections are cleaning up on layers here, in Chicago and other big cities far away from the actual scene of racing.

"Lucky Jack" McGinnis is going to Oakland within a day or two just to kill time. Jack has bright prospects for next season.

Evening World's Prizes

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worked in the factories thereabouts.

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Brooklyn. He has won fame and glory as a star member of the Irish-American A. C.'s championship team. Recently he has added to his reputation to the factories thereabouts. TROTTING DATES FOR 1909 SEASON.

ers. The strangest part of the affair was the fact that no one seemed to know just who he was or where he had won his reputation as a "maneater." Wallace positively refused to divulge his identity.

Comrade Makes Challenge.

We hove in front of the main entrance of the show long before the affair had opened, and one of my comrades, who possessed an unusual

Detroit.....July 26 to July 20. Kalamazoo......Aug. 2 to Aug. 6. North Randall....Aug. 9 to Aug. 13. Buffalo......Aug. 16 to Aug. 20. Poughkeepsie.....Aug. 23 to Aug. 27. Long Branch..... Aug. 30 to Sept. 3. Hartford......Sept. 6 to Sept. 10 Syracuse......Sept. 13 to Sept. 17. Columbus......Sept. 20 to Oct. 1.

Lucky Few, Has Been Hit-

ting Local Layers.

"Cyclone Billy" Herman Wonder of Local Ring

at the Fairmont Club

To-Night.

To-Night.

Therman. He has one good, normal leg, but the other is short and understeed.

To the Fairmont Club

To-Night.

Tommy Quill, the sturdy light welter-weight of Brockton, Mass., who secured a decision over "Young Loughtey" in a twelve management of Joe Woodman, who looks after the affairs of Sam Langford and Jimmy Walsh. Woodman ought to get plenty of work for Guill, for there are many good men at his weight out on the Coast.

CHADVEV

Up to last fall Herman's name had four preliminary bouts. no place on the pugilistic map. He

Bronx Youngster Will Battle will meet Oliver and Charley Harvey, manager of Owen Moran, to-day, for the purpose of trying to clinch a match between Moran and Murphy, to be decided on Jan. 20.

and undersized. But, handicapped as he is, he can fight. Five of his last Battling Hurley, the game fighter of eight fights have resulted in knockouts. Passaic, N. J., will meet Tommy Carey, He meets Willie Mango, another lo- the husky Quaker City lightweight, cal terror, in the main bout of tonight's stag of the Fairmont A. C. at
One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street
and Third avenue. It is a case of
Greek meeting Greek, and a real warm
session may be expected.

It is a case of the Sharkey A. C.
In its club-house at Sixty-fifth street
and Columbus avenue to-night. It
should be one of the best fights of the
year, as both lads are aggressive, slambang fighters with a terrific punch. Besides this great battle there will be

meet dat champ of yourn to-night. What would you give if our champ knocks do block off your great size ging unknown?"

The old manager, used to such line; again, and the such control of the state of t

start to finish. At the Long Acre A C. Graw in New York. tle in the main bout, which ended with Sheridan had the better of the con-

Sheppard Fights

test, as he outpointed and outfought han, McCann and Gilbert, Sheppard in three of the rounds. In With the passing of McGinnity Mcloose, and by wading into Sheridan managed to score frequently on his face and body and jaw at close quar- HOCKEY CLUB LOSES ters, which permitted him to even up

esting and pleased the spectators. Douglass, the promising fighter of Jersound of the bell in the opening round

being knocked out. From the first abled their team to win. Although plans for the next season on the metropolitan tracks have not been arranged, it is said there will be racing at least four days a week, with the free list badges entirely suspended.

Douglass punched Willetts all over the ring and gave him such an unmerciful beating that the club members began to leave the club-house after the sectorely suspended.

working every day at the Brooklyn navy-Yard," he said over the 'phone to-day to The Evening World. "I fell while training and lacerated my knee, and the sery got out that I was sick."

to Leave the Giants curious coincidence, that the only other

It would occasion no surprise to see

getting rid of three good pitchers in

the deal for Bresnahan, the Cardinals

the "bribery twins," have signed contracts to umpire in the National League again dur-

ing the 1900 season. Contracts have been

Another jumper wants to get back into the

good graces of the big leagues. This is El-mer Stricklett, who jumped his reserve with

Cast. Now he is sorry and is in correspond-

ence with President Ebbets and the mem-bers of the National Comission figuring out

tract in 1908 as manager of the Doves. His

work last season did not please Dovey, and he told Kelley his services would not be re-

quired this year. Looks as if Kelley would draw \$5,500 this year for doing nothing.

President Shettsline, of the Philadelphia National Club, does not want to give up Joe

cial documents by this time.

more outfit was disrupted.

Waivers Have Been Asked on man who jumped the Baltimore team at Veteran Who Helped Club that time is now a member of the Giants. This is Mike Donlin, who Win Two Pennants. jumped to Cincinnati when the Balti-

AIVERS have been asked on Joe McGinnity join the St. Louis team. McGinnity, the veteran pitcher Bresnahan has a big, warm spot in his of the Giants, but it is pretty heart for the "Iron Man," and after near a safe bet that he will not get out of the National League. Manager Mc-Graw wanted to dispose of McGinnity can stand the addition of some sea-Fast6-CoundDraw last season, but could not find a club soned twirlers. Even if Bresnaham willing to assume the big contract that willing to assume the big contract that does not grab McGinnity, there is Frank

season, winning eleven of them, but did slide by without making an effort to not seem to be able to pagain the old- get him. There were two boxing stags in town time form that made him famous during last night, and the bouts at each of his career in Baltimore and Brooklyn them were highly interesting from under Ned Hanlon, and later with Mc-

Joe Sheppard and Joe Sheridan, the local McGinnity came to New York with forwarded to O'Day, Emsile and Rigier, the fighters, fought a great six-round bat- McGraw when the latter brought him- other veterans of the staff, while Cusack and self and five members of the Baltimore Truby, the new recruits, also have the offihonors even. For the first four rounds American League Club here in 1902. The other members to come were Bresna-

the fifth and sixth rounds Shepard cut Graw is the only member left on the

TO ST. NICHOLAS SEVEN. standing.

The Hockey Club made a game effort in his contract with the Boston team, which to win from the St. Nichols seven last President Dovey, of that organization, is trynight, but were unable to do so, though ing to repudiate, will be upheld by the Nasey City, beat John Willetts, the as a team they played a better game tional League. Kelley signed a two-year con-Quaker City fighter, so badly that Ref- than their opponents. Souther and Felteree Bill Brown stopped the bout in the ner played star games for the St. Nick third round to prevent Willetts from outfit, and it was their work that en-

Ray Eyry, the champion jumper, is Ward to the Highlanders. He has written not seriously ill, as reported. "I am President Pulliam, the National League

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